

Commissioners' Proceedings

(Official Commissioners' Minutes).
Alliance, Nebr., April 8, 1913.
The Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment; officers present, S. C. Reck, chairman, C. L. Hashman and J. M. Wanek.

The bids on file in the office of the County Clerk, for the purchase of the \$65,000.00 Court House Bond Issue were opened by the Board and all were rejected, on account of the insufficiency of amount bid. The Clerk is ordered to return certified checks to the several bidders.

It is the order of the Board that the Clerk notify all parties who have been interested in the purchase of the bonds, that the County Commissioners will receive bids at any time and will make private sale of said bonds to the first satisfactory bidder.

The Board adjourned until tomorrow morning, April 9th, 1913, at nine o'clock.

Alliance, Nebr., April 9, 1913.
The Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment; officers present, S. C. Reck, chairman, C. L. Hashman and J. M. Wanek.

The day was spent with tax-payers going over road petitions and planning certain road work to be commenced as soon as weather conditions will permit.

The Board adjourned until tomorrow morning, April 10th, 1913, at 9 o'clock.

Alliance, Nebr., April 10, 1913.
The Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment; officers present, S. C. Reck, chairman, C. L. Hashman and J. M. Wanek.

The question of the selection of an architect for the proposed Court House for Box Butte County, coming before the Board, motion was made as follows: Motion by Wanek and seconded by Hashman that Rose & Peterson, architects of Kansas City, Kansas, be chosen as architects for the proposed Court House to be erected on lots 22 and 23, County addition to Alliance, for Box Butte County, Nebraska, as platted and recorded.

Roll call being ordered by the chairman, vote was as follows:
C. L. Hashman voting yes.
J. M. Wanek voting yes.
S. C. Reck not voting.

The clerk was ordered to wire Messrs. Rose & Peterson to come to Alliance immediately as Board was in session and awaiting his arrival.

Answer was received to this message stating that Mr. Rose would arrive in Alliance Saturday April 12, 1913, whereupon the Board decided to remain in session awaiting his arrival.

The Board adjourned until tomorrow morning, April 11th, 1913, at 9 o'clock.

Alliance, Nebr., April 11, 1913.
The Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment; officers present, S. C. Reck, chairman, C. L. Hashman and J. M. Wanek.

The Board remained in session awaiting the arrival of the architect. Whereupon the board adjourned until tomorrow morning, April 12th, 1913, at 9 o'clock.

Alliance, Nebr., April 12, 1913.
The Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment; officers present, S. C. Reck, chairman, C. L. Hashman and J. M. Wanek.

Mr. Rose, of the firm of Rose & Peterson, Architects, of Kansas City, Kansas, arrived and laid his plans for the proposed Court House before the Board.

The Board and architect agreed on all data necessary to make up a set of plans and which he proposes to submit to the Board the latter part of the coming week, and the following contract was entered into between Box Butte County by the county commissioners of the first part and Rose & Peterson, Architects, of Kansas City, Kansas, of the second part.

Articles of Agreement
This agreement made in duplicate and entered into this 12th day of April, 1913, by and between Box Butte County, Nebraska, party of the first part, and Rose & Peterson, architects, of Kansas City, Kansas, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the covenants here-

inafter set out, said party of the first part has this day employed the parties of the second part, to furnish plans, specifications, detail, and to superintend the construction of the County Court House Building, to be constructed in Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska.

For and in consideration of the services rendered by said parties of the second part, unto the parties of the first part, said party of the first part hereby agree to pay unto said second parties the sum of five per cent of the cost of said building, including every thing shown on the plans or mentioned in the specifications, that is used in the construction of said building. Said payments to be made as follows, to-wit: Sixty-five per cent of the amount to be paid said second parties, to be paid unto second parties at the time the contract for the construction of said building is let; the remainder, or thirty-five per cent, to be paid from time to time, as hereinafter agreed upon between said parties.

It is further understood and agreed between the above named parties, that said parties of the second part are to keep a competent superintendent in charge of the construction of said building during all the time while said building is under construction; the services of said superintendent to be paid by said second parties.

It is further understood and agreed by and between the above named parties that the expenses of the superintending of said building by said architects is to be limited, to the time for the completion of said building as set out and limited in the contract with the contractor to whom the contract is let.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 12th day of April, 1913.

In the Presence of,
M. S. HARGRAVES,
EUGENE BURTON,
Box Butte County, Nebraska.

By
SANG C. RECK,
Chairman County Commissioners.
C. L. HASHMAN,
County Commissioner.
J. M. WANKE,
County Commissioner.
ROSE & PETERSON,
Architects.

By Wm. W. Rose,
Parties of the Second Part.
There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, they adjourned to the call of the Clerk.

M. S. HARGRAVES, Clerk.

NEBRASKA POTATO CROP

In Nebraska there are 98,800 acres planted to potatoes annually, yielding 6,448,600 bushels and worth \$5,550,400.

It will be seen by the above that the potato industry in Nebraska, while not so extensive as other industries, is of a great deal of importance. Nearly every farmer has a small patch of potatoes in the central and eastern part of the state and when the western part of Nebraska is reached the industry has become a very large one.

Work has been done at a number of Experiment Stations on selection of potatoes for seed. At the Nebraska Experiment Station, Professor Emerson has found that by growing the potatoes under mulch seed is produced which has higher yielding powers than seed grown in the ordinary way. He has also found that the selection of seed from the hills which yield the largest number of good potatoes will furnish seed which will yield better the next year.

The yield of potatoes is not the only thing which is of interest to the farmer. The storage and marketing is of great importance. There is one enemy of the potato in storage which has been investigated by Professor Wilcox of the Nebraska Station. This is dry rot. Its treatment is fully described in a new bulletin recently issued by the Nebraska Station known as Bulletin No. 134. All of those interested in the growing of potatoes should also send for Extension Bulletin No. 12, by Professor Cooper. This covers the points of selection of ground, selection of seed and cultivation. Any of these bulletins can be secured free by addressing Nebraska Experiment Station, University Farm, Lincoln, Nebraska.

SPORTING NOTES

Johnny King, who left Alliance a few weeks ago to join the Denver Grizzlies, is receiving a great deal of attention in the Denver papers—that means he is hitting the mark. His latest exploit is to carry off the honors as the Beau Brummel of the ball club, as the following piece from the sporting page of the Denver News of Tuesday will show:

John Beall has departed forever, and Jack Coffey will not report for some weeks yet, but the prestige of the Bears as the true knights of the Western league circuit remains unimpaired. The club has still a member whose mere presence on the streets of Denver will be sufficient to draw "ohs" and "ahs" from the ladies and muttered profanity from the traffic cops.

Not that the gentleman in question is a confirmed devotee at the shrine of Venus—the fact that he is anything but that, thus far, is one of his added charms, of which he has a goodly portion.

Picture if you will the latest, most popular model of the Harz-Soopehomer college line of duds, stepping nonchalantly down the public thoroughfare. Add to that a rakish, devil-may-care cap, worn a la Coffey with a most inviting angle and a little half-size corncob pipe and you have a complete portrait of the Grizzly Bears of 1913, John King, if you please.

When Johnny joined the ball club (it is impossible to speak of the 19-year-old as John) he made the mistake of being homesick. Johnny took all the boys handed him which was not a little, and he waited.

He got his first chance at Fort Worth and he grabbed Old Opportunity around the neck with a genuine stranglehold in consequence. The Bears had to grab the old book and make some erasures. Since then Mr. King has been accorded the dignity of a lower berth and has been accepted into the fellowship. It was a rough time he had while it lasted but he weathered the gale and now the sailing appears fairly easy for him.

As to the preliminary training and earlier memories of King, we note that he hails from Alliance, Nebr., and comes from a family which has been adept in the art of throwing since the Dinosaurs first challenged the Neolithics for the championship of the Antediluvian league.

Johnny himself began the serious business of baseball while going to Sacred Heart. He failed to make the team in his first year at the Catholic institution but he went out to practice with the boys and held on. In his second year, when he was at the manly age of 17, he went into the box for a tryout. He started in by striking out twenty men in a historic game against the Miners, thereby smashing the state collegiate record to the proverbial flinders.

He is getting along nicely to date and even his friends off the diamond (usually a player's worst enemies on the field) will scarcely be disappointed in his showing this summer. For Johnny has improved mightily since those days before he had graduated into the "rookie" class from the plain buster ranks. He has always had speed and a nice curve. Under the direction of seasoned catchers, aided and abetted by the friendly tips of the older pitchers, he is acquiring a neat splitter which has worried some hard-hitting players to date. Gradually, too, he is learning a change of pace and some of the green is being brushed off.

But above everything else, Johnny is the original Apollo, and though the duty he is imparting that information to his modest eyes. He ought to hit well in the Western and it's almost a cinch he will pitch well, but if he doesn't he will have the sure consolation that he will rank well up in the ladies-day league, which is sure to be some average considering the class of opposition which he will bump into on this circuit.

AUDIENCE WAS PLEASED

Lincoln Ladies Hold Hearers Spell-bound with Splendid Reading and Singing

AN EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT

An entertainment must be indeed meritorious to deserve being called "excellent" in a city like Alliance where so many good entertainments are put on, but the reading and singing given at the Methodist church Monday under the auspices of the Alliance W. C. T. U. deserves to be described by the use of that very adjective. And, by the way, the entertainment was entitled to more of a notice in The Herald than the few lines it received on first page last week, but the copy was given to the printer when it was time to go to press and it was necessary to cut it down and make it short.

There was a fairly good attendance, but not what the entertainment deserved. What the audience lacked in size it made up in appreciation. The three ladies who furnished the entertainment were Mrs. Bess Gerhart Morrison, reader; Mrs. George E. Toby, singer; and Miss Little, accompanist; all of Lincoln and University Place, which is a suburb of Lincoln. Without following the example set us by some would-be critics of public recitals, we have not consulted a glossary of musical and elocutionary terms in order to find suitable phraseology to describe the entertainment in technical language, but will say in everyday English that both reading and singing were fine. The reading by Mrs. Morrison was noticeably devoid of sameness in the selections, a feature very essential for best results in the rendition of a long program. There were the humorous that brought uprisings of laughter, and one in particular, a description of a Christmas with the old folks at home, that brought tears to many eyes.

Mrs. Toby's singing was most pleasing. She possesses a remarkably sweet voice, well trained, and an expression that makes her selections most impressive.

Should these ladies return to Alliance for another entertainment soon, they will, without doubt, be greeted by a large audience. Their entertainment, while given under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. here, does not consist of a temperance program, but it is of such a wholesome character that it is a pleasure to commend it.

AGRICULTURAL WEEK IN THE UNIVERSITY

The week beginning April 7th was known as Agricultural Week in our State University. During this week the several hundred students in the College of Agriculture wore the colors of the college (purple and gold encircling a large letter A). The object of the week was to let the rest of the University know that something is doing along agricultural lines and to get the students of the college better acquainted.

The badges appeared on Monday. On Tuesday a special agricultural convocation was held at which Dean Burnett presided. On Wednesday a special trip to Omaha was made by all students of the college. The boys studied live stock in the stock yards, and carcasses in the packing houses, while the girls viewed methods of cutting meat in the packing houses, and methods of baking in the large bakeries located in Omaha. Friday was set aside as Picnic Day, at which time the University Farm Grove was utilized by the "farmers."

It was only a few years ago that the young man or woman who registered in the Agricultural College was sometimes ashamed to admit the fact, because of the jeers which were shot his way by the students of the other colleges. No "Ag" student is afraid now to tell to what college he belongs, and at the close of Agricultural Week many students in other colleges felt that they had made a mistake in not choosing an agricultural course.

U. S. Land Office Notes

Interesting News of Alliance Land Office
PUBLISHED EVERY WEEK

Nebraska National Forest Land Eliminated

Washington, April 15.—Beginning October 1, the end of the present grazing season, the North Platte division will be eliminated from the Nebraska National Forest. This area will then be open for settlement and entry under whatever conditions the Secretary of the Interior may impose. The North Platte division, which lies in Grant and Arthur counties, contains nearly 350,000 acres.

When the original boundaries of the Nebraska Forest were established they included a great deal of public land which at that time was not considered available for agriculture. The recent developments of dry farming have demonstrated that some of this land can be cultivated with profit. As a result of this demonstration and of a study by the experts of the Bureau of Soils, in cooperation with the Forest Service, the land will become available for homesteads.

The soil experts say that approximately thirty per cent of the area is suitable for farming, in spite of the fact that it is in what is locally known as the sandhill region. There is no present stand of timber, and it was first proclaimed as a part of the National Forest with the idea that trees could be made to grow there through artificial planting.

At the present time the land is occupied by stockmen under grazing permits from the Forest Service. It is for this reason that the time of elimination has been set forward to October 1, although the proclamation was issued by President Taft the day before he left the White House.

For several years the Forest Service has been studying how to determine satisfactorily what lands within the forests are best suited to agriculture. The problem was held to be one that must be settled by agricultural and forest experts working together to ascertain the comparative values involved. Because there was no money especially appropriated to carry on the work and many demands on the general funds, it was impossible to do much more than examine these lands which were actually applied for under the Forest Homestead Act. The last congress, however, provided an appropriation to examine lands which might be considered agricultural, and this elimination is one of the first important results off that legislation.

From the Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

A gold medal to the school boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 15 who writes the best composition, not to exceed 800 words, on the repair and maintenance of earth roads, is to be awarded by Logan Waller Page, Director, Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All compositions must be submitted to Mr. Page before May 15, 1913, and the medal will be awarded as soon thereafter as the compositions can be graded. The composition may be based on knowledge gained from books or other sources, but no quotations should be made.

After many years' experience in dealing with the public road situation of the country, it is Mr. Page's belief that ignorance on the subject of repair and maintenance of roads is as much the cause of their bad condition as any other one factor. It is expected that the competition will bring about a better understanding of the subject of repair and maintenance in the rural districts.

Many children living in the rural districts have experienced the disadvantages of roads made impassable through a lack of proper maintenance and it is expected that their interest in the competition will stimu-

late greater interest among the parents. Bad roads have prevented many children from obtaining a proper education and have even prevented doctors from reaching the side of rural patients in time to save their lives.

Any child between the ages mentioned, attending a country school, may compete. Only one side of the paper must be written on; each page should be numbered; the name, age, and address of the writer, and the name and location of the school which he or she is attending must be plainly written at the top of the first page. The announcement of the competition has been sent to the superintendents of schools in the rural districts. No further information can be obtained from the Office of Public Roads. This announcement should be plain to everyone, and all children will thus start on a basis of equality.

NOTICE TO BIBLE CLUB MEMBERS

The Bible Club will meet at the rooms tomorrow (Friday) evening for the election of officers. All members are requested to be present.

ANTIOCH MERCANTILE CO.

The McFall store at Antioch which was purchased by the Heringford Mercantile Company, as mentioned elsewhere in this paper, is operated under the name of the Antioch Mercantile Company, with Chas. Bushnell as the manager. Mr. Bushnell is a capable business man, he understands the general merchandise business and should make a success of running the store at Antioch, as we dare say he will. That town is small but territory tributary to it has many prosperous ranchmen and industrious farmers. Those who may be classed as farmers are engaged to a considerable extent in dairying which furnishes good, ready money for store trade.

BORN

To Conductor and Mrs. Thos. Campbell, a fine baby girl, who came to make her home with them on Sunday. Her weight was twelve pounds.

As will be noted from an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this paper, the Bee Hive will open its ice cream parlor on Saturday of this week. The parlor has been repainted throughout, new fixtures added, and presents a very attractive appearance.

James Van Boskirk has rented a part of the large ranch southwest of Alliance, owned by W. W. Norton. This was formerly occupied by Mr. Schill and is known as the "Schill Ranch."

Mrs. M. E. Grebe is rapidly recovering from her recent illness and is able to be out again.

E. L. Hawkins, of Canton, has just been informed by letter from friends here that he had a narrow escape from smallpox. He had his baby's photo taken at the Anderson studio the day before it was quarantined. Mr. Hawkins did not learn of the quarantine and had written several letters asking why his pictures did not come.

J. Carl Thomas, The Herald's linotype operator, who had an operation performed on both feet the 28th of last month, is now back at work and able to get about as well as ever. He had always been troubled with "hammer-toes", and had the small toe on each foot removed, the operation being performed by Dr. Slagle. The offending members being removed, Mr. Thomas thinks his foot troubles are at an end.

Ben Anderson made a trip to Omaha a few days after the tornado and secured some fine photos which he has developed and printed. They are very original and show good work on Ben's part in picking out interesting scenes.

Tom Beeson, manager of the Alliance branch of the Nebraska Telephone Company, recently spent several days in Bridgeport installing a new manager there and making some changes and improvements in the exchange.

\$3.00

off on ALL

Men's and Young Men's

Suits

\$3.00

Thursday 17th

TO

Thursday 24th

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THE STORE THAT DOES THINGS